



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

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Monday March 1, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Town Offices

Members Present: Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin.

Staff Members Present: Interim Town Administrator Norman Thidemann and Admin Assistant Therese Gay.

1. 6:00 P.M Work Session- Budget Discussion

The Board met in a work session to discuss the FY11 budget. The TA submitted a budget work sheet with the 3% cut the Senate is proposing but that could change to 5%. The Senate may have numbers ready by mid March. The Board will meet with the Vocational officials and with the town officials to discuss the increase in the town's assessment on March 18, 2010.

The board voted 3-0-2 on a motion by Selectman Jackson, second by Selectwoman Coughlin to move to the Tri-Board Meeting.

2. 7:00 P.M. Tri-Board Meeting

Members Present: Selectman Rich Lemoine, Selectman Robert Jackson, Selectwoman Elizabeth Coughlin.

Staff Members Present: Interim Town Administrator Norman Thidemann and Admin Assistant Therese Gay.

Finance Committee Membes: John Griffin, Jacqueline Schnackertz, Robert Mullin.

School Committee Members: Burt Buchman, Herb Derosiers, Collin Manzillo, Jeff Hunt, Shaun McCarty, Hillari Wennerstrom, Supt Lockwood.

Senator Steve Panagiotakos was present.

Chairman Lemoine welcomed everyone. Everyone was introduced and the meeting called the meeting to order.

School Committee members voted to open their meeting on motion by member Buchman, second by member Winnerstrom.

Finance Committee members voted to open their meeting on a motion by member Mullin, second by member Schnackertz.

Selectman Lemoine opened the meeting and turned it over to Senator Panagiotakos.

Senator Panagiotakos provided a brief history of finance in FY09. He discussed the issues for FY10 and his concerns with FY11. He believes that Chapter 70 will not be able to continue to fully be funded and he believes that local aid may also be cut (possibly as much as 5%). He believes there may be a resolution on local aid this month.

Selectman Lemoine spoke of an 11% increase in health care rates, the possible expansion of the pension schedule out to 2040 and also some new legislation on early retirement.

Selectwoman O'Neill entered the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

Interim Town Administrator, Norman Thidemann reviewed a spread sheet on long term finances and Selectman Lemoine provided an overview of the budget as it stands with the 3% cuts and could go as high as 5%. Nearly a \$500,000 loss. The new construction numbers as set but could change, the Veterans assistance will not be cut. The School could need \$120,000 to \$150,000 more. Right now it is textbooks vs bodies, programs etc. The \$640,881 # does not reflect new negotiations with the unions, there will be no raises to base pay but will honor the step increases. With the first draft at 3% cut the town shortfall is \$222,304 and the school \$418,577 and could increase if the cuts include 5%. Selectman Lemoine thanked the town employees for what they had to endure with the cuts and thanked everyone for coming this evening.

3. Adjournment

The Finance Committee voted to adjourn on a motion by Member Schnackertz, second by Member Mullin.

The School Committee voted to adjourn on a motion by Member Wennerstrom, second by Member Buchman.

The Board of Selectmen voted on a motion by Selectman Jackson, second by Selectwoman O'Neill to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Therese Gay
Admin Assistant

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